

authority to first, contract for substance abuse care and rehabilitative services at non-VA halfway houses and treatment centers; second, continue the pilot program providing home nursing care to eligible veterans as an alternative to institutional care; third, continue the VA's Health Scholarship Program which provides funding for health care professional studies in return for VA service obligation; fourth, carry on the compensated work therapy and Therapeutic Transitional Housing Demonstration Program, helping mentally ill veterans to make a re-entry into independent living; and fifth, to continue VA's pilot program to assist homeless veterans.

This bill allows us to continue to pursue new and proven avenues to assist those who have risked their lives to preserve the freedoms that we hold so dear. This legislation enables us to lend a hand to those who have suffered greatly as a result of their service. I welcome this opportunity to speak on their behalf. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2353.

ST. MARY'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, St. Mary's Catholic parish in Old Town Alexandria, VA, is celebrating its 200th anniversary, founded in 1795 when there were a mere 25,000 Catholics in the colonies and only 200 in the State of Virginia.

Col. John Fitzgerald, the mayor of Alexandria and aide-de-camp to George Washington, headed the drive to establish St. Mary's, which is the oldest Catholic parish in the State of Virginia. In 1869, the Sisters of the Holy Cross began St. Mary's School, which today has over 600 students and is still growing.

Today, the Reverend Stanley Krempa serves as pastor for this parish of 3,200 families. The church is just completing a \$2 million fund-raising campaign that has seen to the restoration of the main church on South Royal Street, and the addition of more classrooms at the school on nearby Green Street.

The bicentennial celebration will close on November 2, 1995, All Souls Day, when the Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan, the Apostolic Nuncio from Rome, celebrates a Mass in honor of all deceased parishioners.

Mr. Speaker, I pause to congratulate St. Mary's on their 200th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, due to prior commitments in my district, I was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 714, 715, and 716 on October 17, 1995. Had I been present:

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 714 on approving the Journal;

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 715—providing for U.S. distribution of "The Fragile Ring of Life" film; and

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 716—extending certain veterans' affairs health and medical care expiring authorities.

PROCTER & GAMBLE RECEIVES 1995 NATIONAL MEDAL OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Procter & Gamble, based in Cincinnati, OH, which was recently named as a recipient of the U.S. Government's 1995 National Medal of Technology.

Procter & Gamble will be recognized at a White House ceremony on October 18, 1995, for creating, developing, and applying advanced technologies to consumer products that have strengthened the economy while helping to improve the quality of life for consumers worldwide. Procter & Gamble has a 160-year history of introducing cutting-edge products on which Americans have come to depend—products such as Ivory soap, Crest toothpaste, and Tide detergent. Because these products are so familiar, we often overlook the advanced research and technology behind their development.

The National Medal of Technology is awarded to innovators and forward-thinking technology companies that have built new industries and fostered U.S. competitiveness. Established in 1980, the medal program is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Technology Administration and the President provides final approval. Since the program's inception, 5 companies, 13 teams, and 57 individuals have been honored.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commend Procter & Gamble for this recognition of their excellence and congratulate them for making a difference in the lives of Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA MOORE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special friend and an outstanding citizen of Ohio. On October 23, friends of Martha C. Moore will gather in her beloved Muskingum College in New Concord, OH, to honor her lifelong commitment to American politics, education, and her community.

I had the privilege of working with Martha for many years while I was a member of the Ohio State Senate. Miss Moore was first elected to the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee in 1950 and she currently serves as the committee person from the 18th District. She has previously served as the committee person from the 15th and 17th District. Miss Moore's dedicated work was crucial to Republicans in gaining control of the State senate in 1980.

While serving as a professor of speech at Muskingum College, she helped shape the lives of generations of students through her thoughtful tutelage. In 1986, Miss Moore was

awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Muskingum College.

Throughout her many years in politics, Martha has demonstrated her deep faith in, and dedication to, upholding the principles of American democracy. The status of the Republican Party in Ohio today has been secured by Martha's dedication and her reputation as a political wizard. Yet, she consistently deflects personal praise, focusing instead on the team effort involved in election campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, we have often heard that America works because of the unselfish contributions of her citizens. I know Ohio is a much better place to live because of the dedication and countless hours of service given over the years by Martha.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying a special tribute to Martha Moore's record of personal accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID W. FLEMING

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to David Fleming, my good friend who this year has been chosen by the Anti-Defamation League to receive the distinguished community service award. The ADL could not have made a better choice. David has taken a leadership role in many important areas important to the San Fernando Valley. He truly cares for his community.

It is hard to imagine how David, a senior partner with the prestigious law firm of Latham & Watkins, finds time to take on his many added responsibilities. For example, David is the current president of the board of fire commissioners for the city of Los Angeles as well as the vice chair of the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council. He has also served on three different county commissions.

David's tireless work for his community reflects his many interests. He has been a member of the board of the Automobile Club of Southern California, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, the Valley Industry and Commerce Association [VICA], the National Council of Christians and Jews and Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles.

Not surprisingly, David has been the recipient of awards from many sources. He has received the Fernando award, the tree of life award from the Jewish National Fund and, in 1967, he was named "One of California's Five Outstanding Young Men" by the California Jaycees. Many people and organizations have benefited from David's efforts and generosity.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting David Fleming, a man of intellect, compassion, and dedication to his community.

TRIBUTE TO DOLLY RIVERA FOR 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Ms. Dolly Rivera. Ms. Rivera has given 50 years of volunteer service